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TO : Chief, Plans and Policy Staff  
FROM : Chief, Programs Division  
SUBJECT: Semi-Monthly Report

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## 1. a. Work Completed During the Period

(1) A substantial portion of the ORE components have been brought up to date on the status and plans of the intelligence production program. G/Ec, B/EE, and B/No, in that order, are the next likely candidates for production planning.

## b. Work in Progress

### (1) Overt Collectors

The plan for the establishment of overt CIA collectors appears to have run into snags in the Director's Office. A draft of ORE's position has been made in the form of a memorandum from the AD/ORE to the Director. The draft includes an analysis of the reporting performance of the Department of State based on statistics furnished by OCD. Conferences are in progress with OCD to see if they will concur in the paper to the Admiral.

### (2) Cities Project

A memorandum was drafted to OIR making a formal request on State for assistance. Final working arrangements are still being negotiated.

### (3) External Research

The Assistant Director's Ad Hoc Committee on External Research has arrived at a general definition of the problems involved in the External Research Program but has been unable to agree on several specific issues. A report is being prepared by the chairman of the committee that will indicate the points of agreement and the intentions of the AD/ORE with respect to the execution of the program.

### (4) International Communism

The initial meeting of the ORE committee on International Communism was held on 25 May. [REDACTED] of the Programs Division is participating in the Committee activities.

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(5) B/FE

This branch is still engaged in "step four" of the intelligence production program, i.e., drawing up its list of projects or groups of projects. List is expected in about a week.

c. Work Projected

(1) A letter from Mr. Babbitt to [REDACTED] will be prepared with a view to finally clarifying ORE's role in the NSC-4 Program.

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(2) A partial analysis of current intelligence is being undertaken on behalf of the Sub-Committee for Production Review.

d. Problems

(1) Secretarial assistance for this division will be an acute need shortly.

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